

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Response to Claim Rejections/Objections

I. Response to Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

The Examiner rejected claim 72 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Sugihara (US 6,132,683). Applicants cancel claim 72 and respectfully request the rejection to be withdrawn. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of claim 72 in other applications. Applicants' amendment to claim 72 raises no new issues for the Examiner to consider and does not increase the number of claims. Thus, entry and consideration of this amendment by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is proper.

Conclusion

In view of the amendment set forth above, Applicants respectfully request all rejections be withdrawn and a notice of allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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